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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 and 23-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 and 23-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Claim 22 is missing and as such claims 23-46 have been re-numbered as 22-45 respectively. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Costa-Requena et al (20040225874).

4. Regarding **claim 1** Costa-Requena et al teaches a communication network for managing a user identifier of a user accessing data applications, the communication network comprising (fig. 1):

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a wireless communication network for linking a mobile station with a data application associated with the wireless network, a user accessing the data application from the mobile station and being identified by mobile station identifiers (page # 2, para. # 0031-0032, page # 3, para. # 0036);

a computer system in communication with the data applications of the wireless communication network, the computer system facilitating user sign-on capabilities to the data applications from the mobile station by leveraging authentication already performed by the Home Location Register corresponding to the mobile station identifiers (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 2** Costa-Requena et al teaches further comprising a communication network other than a wireless communication network for linking a user interface other than a mobile station with a data application associated with the other communication network, the user accessing the data application from the user interface being identified by the user identifier entered by the user (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 3** Costa-Requena et al teaches further comprising: a server associated with the wireless communication network for hosting the data application; and another server associated with the other communication network for hosting the other data application (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 4** Costa-Requena et al teaches a database in communication with the server associated with the wireless communication network; and another database in communication with the server associated with the other communication network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 5** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system facilitates population of the user identifier for the user in the database and in the other database (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 6** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system is configured to store the user identifier (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 7** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system is configured to verify an identity of a received user identifier with the stored user identifier (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 8** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system is configured to verify the identity of the user accessing at least one data application of a plurality of data applications and is configured to store the user identifier with other data applications of the plurality of data applications (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 9** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system is configured for receiving any one of a new, changed, and updated user identifier from the data application associated with the other communication network, for populating the received user identifier with other data applications in the communication network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 10** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system is configured for receiving any one of a new, changed, and updated user identifier from the data application associated with the wireless communication network, for populating the received user identifier with other data applications in the communication network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 11** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system employs an Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA) program at least for authenticating an identity of, and authorizing access for, the user accessing the data application (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 12** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system comprises: a server employing an Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting program for authenticating a user when accessing a data application from the mobile station through one or more elements of the wireless communication network; and another server in communication with the AAA server for authenticating the user when

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accessing a data application from the other communication network and authorizing access thereto (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 13** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system is in communication a with third-party network hosting a third-party data application (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 14** Costa-Requena et al teaches further comprising an interface for interfacing the third-party network with the computer system (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 15** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the interface is a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol interface (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 16** Costa-Requena et al teaches further comprising an authorization server connected between the interface and the computer system (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 17** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the authorization server is configured for storing a user identifier received from the computer system (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

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Regarding **claim 18** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the authorization server is configured to authenticate and authorize user access to the third party data application, a request for user access being received via the interface (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 19** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the authorization server is configured to authorize user access to a data application of any one of the third party, the wireless communication network, and the other communication network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 20** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system is configured to authenticate and authorize access to the third party data application and a data application of either the wireless or the other communication network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 21** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the data application associated with the wireless network and the data application associated with the other communication network are through the same service provider (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 22** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the HLR authenticates a mobile station accessing the wireless network corresponding to mobile

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station identifiers (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 23** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system is configured to query the HLR for an authenticated mobile station accessing the wireless communication network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 24** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system queries the HLR for the authenticated mobile station in response to mobile station identifiers received from the data application the user is accessing (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 25** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the computer system is configured to verify the identity of the user accessing the data application based on the authenticated mobile station leveraged from the HLR corresponding to the mobile station identifiers received from the data application (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048,0054,0068,0074).

Regarding **claim 26** Costa-Requena et al teaches a method for managing authentication of a user accessing data applications of a service provider via at least two different networks, the method comprising the steps of (fig. 1):

receiving a user identifier entered by a user for accessing a data application associated with a wireless communication network (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048,0054,0068,0074);

receiving the user identifier entered by the user for accessing a data application associated with a communication network other than the wireless communication network accessing a computer system from either the wireless communication network or the other communication network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068); and

verifying that the entered user identifier matches a stored user identifier in the computer system (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 27** Costa-Requena et al teaches receiving a new, updated, or changed user identifier from the user; and populating the new, updated, or changed user identifier with data applications accessible through the service provider for facilitating single sign-on (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048,0054,0068,0074).

Regarding **claim 28** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the step of populating the new, updated, or changed user identifier further comprises the step of: storing the new, updated, or new user identifier in the computer system accessible from the wireless communication network and the other communication network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 29** Costa-Requena et al teaches storing the new, updated, or changed user identifier on a database corresponding to each data application associated with the wireless communication network and each data application

associated with the other communication network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 30** Costa-Requena et al teaches accessing a third party network through the service provider; receiving the user identifier entered by the user for accessing a data application on the third party network; and accessing a server or database in communication with the third party network via an interface (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048,0054,0068,0074).

Regarding **claim 31** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the server or database is the computer system (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 32** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the server or database is in communication with the computer system (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 33** Costa-Requena et al teaches receiving a new, updated, or changed user identifier from a user using the data application on the third party network; and storing the new, updated, or new user identifier in the server or database (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 34** Costa-Requena et al teaches the step of storing the new, updated, or changed user identifier on a database corresponding to each data application hosted by the wireless communication network and each data application

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hosted by the other communication network (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048, 0054, 0068, 0074).

Regarding **claim 35** Costa-Requena et al teaches the step of storing the new, updated, or new user identifier in the computer system accessible from the wireless communication network and the other communication network (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048, 0054, 0068, 0074).

Regarding **claim 36** Costa-Requena et al teaches receiving a new, updated, or changed user identifier from a user using the data application on the wireless communication network or the data application on the other communication network; and storing the new, updated, or new user identifier in the server or database (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 37** Costa-Requena et al teaches a method for managing authentication of user accessing data applications on a wireless communication network, the method comprising the steps of (fig. 1):

receiving a mobile station identifier from a data application associated with a wireless communication network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068); comparing the mobile station identifier with a mobile station identifier already authenticated by a Home Location Register (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048, 0054, 0068, 0074); and verifying that the mobile station corresponding to the mobile station identifier is authorized to access the data

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application (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 38** Costa-Requena et al teaches requesting and receiving authentication information corresponding to the mobile station identifier; and determining whether the mobile station is authorized to access the data application based on received the mobile station identifier (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048, 0054,0068,0074).

Regarding **claim 39** Costa-Requena et al teaches a program product, comprising executable code transportable by at least one machine readable medium, wherein execution of the code by at least one programmable computer causes the at least one programmable computer to perform a sequence of steps, comprising (fig. 1): comparing a user identifier received from a data application associated with a wireless communication network with a stored user identifier (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068); comparing the user identifier received a data application associated with a communication network other than the wireless communication network (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048,0054,0068,0074); and verifying that the user identifier matches the stored user identifier (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 40** Costa-Requena et al teaches populating a received new, updated, or changed user identifier with data applications accessible through a service provider for facilitating single sign-on (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048,0054,0068,0074).

Regarding **claim 41** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the step of populating the new, updated, or changed user identifier further comprises the step of: storing the new, updated, or new user identifier in a computer system accessible from the wireless communication network and the other communication network (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048,0054,0068,0074).

Regarding **claim 42** Costa-Requena et al teaches wherein the step of populating the new, updated, or changed user identifier further comprises the step of: storing the new, updated, or changed user identifier on a database corresponding to each data application associated with the wireless communication network and each data application associated with the other communication network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 43** Costa-Requena et al teaches verifying that a user identifier received from a third party network matches the stored user identifier for access to a data application associated with the third party network (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048,0054,0068,0074).

Regarding **claim 44** Costa-Requena et al teaches storing a new, updated, or changed user identifier received from the third party network (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Regarding **claim 45** Costa-Requena et al teaches a program product, comprising executable code transportable by at least one machine readable medium, wherein execution of the code by at least one programmable computer causes the at least one programmable computer to perform a sequence of steps, comprising (fig. 1): comparing

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the mobile station identifier received from a data application associated with a wireless communication network with a mobile station identifier already authenticated by a Home Location Register (para. # 0031-0036, 0050, 0048,0054,0068,0074); and verifying that the mobile station corresponding to the mobile station identifier is authorized to access the data application (page # 2, para. # 0031-0036, page # 5, para. 0050, 0048, page # 54 para. # 0054, page # 8, para. # 0068).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Khawar Iqbal whose telephone number is (571) 272-7909.

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